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Real Beauty of Paneled Walls Depends Upon Careful Finishing

The real secret in getting the most in beauty and attractiveness out of your wood paneled walls is in the finish, advises H. O. Stroberger, wood finishing expert.

Attention to detail at time of finishing coupled with proper materials, Stroberger says, can make even a dub look like a master craftsman. The trouble is, he said, too many people don't like to put in the extra elbow grease to get a really first class job and sometimes settle for a job that will always look cheap.

The softwoods available today at most retail lumber yards in the country, Stroberger says, take every conceivable kind of finish. The final appearance of walls built and other installations of Douglas fir, west coast hemlock only by the tastes and desires of the homeowner, he said.

These popular softwoods, he said, can be finished to retain their natural grain, texture and coloring by varnish, resin, lacquer or wax finishes. They can be stained, painted, enameled, or antiqued. There are dozens of variations to each one of these individual finishes. For instance, where it is desired to retain the texture and grain of the wood but to change the tone in some manner to fit with color schemes or other decor, an almost endless variety of stain, paint and rez may be painted on and then wiped off immediately, leaving tints of color shadings.

Here are just a few of the many ways fir, cedar and hemlock walls may be finished by the above method: walnut stain, lead blue paint with chrome green pigments, walnut with chrome yellow in oil added, driftwood rez, oil stain, mahogany stain with chrome yellow, sage rez, chrome green with burnt umber. The combinations, inflections, shadings are endless.

Stroberger lays down certain dogmatic rules when finishing fir, hemlock or cedar or any of the other softwoods. All wood surfaces must be sanded with 40 sandpaper or buffed smooth as a starting point. Proper sanding is important in obtaining the most perfect possible finish. Next step is to strain, rez or paint on coat—if this is desired—then wipe off. A coat of lacquer sealer is next suggested and when thoroughly dry it should be sanded with No. 300 sandpaper. Subsequent coats of shellac, varnish, rez or lacquer may be applied depending on how much depth and patina is desired, and each must be allowed to dry thoroughly and each coat must be sanded smooth before another is added. Final coat can be sanded down with No. 500 wet or dry paper plus paraffin oil thinner with mineral thinner, then wiped clean and rubbed with 4-0 steel wool.

PATIENT LIST
One of eight Americans who go to a hospital this year.

DWARF PHLOX THRIVES IN ALL CONDITIONS

Dwarf Phlox should be included in your planning of any garden area this summer. This low growing, to 8", hardy an-



PHLOX

nual appears to be happy under all garden conditions. Direct sun, however, is a must.

No soil seems to be too poor for this plant. It is true, however, that the richer the soil the brighter the bloom. If viewed from directly above Phlox seems to be only bloom.

This is due to the blooming habit of the plant. Flowers come in clusters of 10 to 20 per stem with several stems in bloom at one time.

Alyssum, Ageratum or Lobelia planted in front of Phlox makes a solid layer of bloom in a riot of color. The colors range from white through red, apricot, blue and violet. Phlox colors are harmonious in any garden.

A big brother to the Dwarf variety, Tall Phlox, grows to 20". Here we have the same general plant with taller growth habits.

On planning your garden, with these plants in mind, take advantage of the two heights offered. Space the Dwarf variety from 6" to 8" apart and the Tall ones from 8" to 12".

One other thought to keep in mind is the fact that the blooms go well in flower arrangements. The uses of a flower of this type are many as the monotony of single blooms is eliminated.

This pleasing plant with its contented and inviting growth habits can do much for your yard and home. Some of its output in cheer and good feeling warm Summer days.

Shrubs Furnish Summer Blooms, Year 'Round Interesting Growths

Summer is the natural time for great profusion of flowers—in masses along garden borders and in great armfuls for bouquets indoors. Gardeners often forget that a wonderful source of summer floral blooms are shrubs that provide not only the flowers but also other types of interesting growth the year 'round.

A fine selection for summer-time flowers is the Abelia which in its many varieties offers clean, glossy foliage and flowers of soft pastel colors from June to October. The grandiflora variety grows six or eight feet and bears tubular flowers of white or faint pink. After the flowers fall the sepals remain to give a purplish tinge to the ends of the branches. Gauchoi, another variety, features lilac-pink flowers and a more lacy growing habit. The floribunda is the tallest growing variety, reaching eight feet with carmine-purple flowers. Schumannii, deciduous while the rest are evergreen, blooms in lavender-pink flowers.

Blue-flowering shrubs from June to December the Plumbago (Ceratostigma) are evergreen but, says the California Association of Nurserymen,

should be treated as perennials. The Chinese Plumbago (willmotianum) grows to four feet, bearing bright blue, phlox-like blooms in clusters. Its foliage turns yellow and red with frost. Trim it down in winter to clean it up. Burmese Plumbago (griffithii) grows in a dense fashion and the Dwarf variety (plumbaginoides) can be used as a ground cover.

Specialists On Begonia Will Speak

Mary Gillingswaters and Charlotte Hoak, two of California's leading begonia experts, will be special guests of Joe Littlefield on "Garden Chats," Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on KTLA, Channel 5. Various types of begonias will be shown, with instructions on where and how to grow them. The three garden experts will also discuss what type of companion plants are best for begonias.

Chrysanthemum Offers Variety. Much Enjoyment

Few flowers afford such gardening enjoyment as the Chrysanthemum. It offers a wide range in size, color, type,

height and blooming period. There is a constant change in blossom forms with new varieties being continually introduced. And the Chrysanthemum is no mamby-pamby either—it is hardy and yet sensitive, responding to attention quickly.

For fall blooms now is the time to set out the ever-pleasing Chrysanthemum, says the California Association of Nurserymen. Choose a sunny location and several weeks before planting time work a liberal amount of well decayed manure into the soil—and peat moss, too, if the soil is too sandy or too heavy. Some Chrysanthemum authorities recommend a sprinkling of bone meal just before planting.

When you select your Chrysanthemums for planting obtain them in bands (bottomless boxes of treated paper or wood veneer which will not rot away after planting). This way you can work with a started plant and set them into your garden without disturbing the roots. After planting, mulch with a mixture of peat moss and manure. Top dress with organic fertilizer (fish meal, for instance) every three or four weeks during the growing season but do not apply any fertilizer after the final buds are well formed. Watering should be thoroughly done at intervals. Stake your Chrysanthemum plants when they begin to grow, tying as often as it is necessary to keep the stems growing straight. To get a large flower on a plant nip off all the side shoots. For several large flowers per plant allow one lateral for each flower to bloom; pinch off the rest.

ACID LOVING PLANTS NEED ADVANCE CARE

"The time has come," as the Walrus said, to speak, not of cabbages, but of acid-loving plants. The California Association of Nurserymen says these plants should have the proper fertilizing and mulching now if their lovely, colorful flowers are to be enjoyed in the future.

Those plants which generally fall under the category of acid-loving are Camellias, Fuchsias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas. All in an acid soil. In applying a mulch the gardener should work with such materials that will give an acid reaction. Leaf mold, peat moss, a compost of oak leaves, for instance, will all react in an acid-like manner in addition to helping maintain a moist soil which these plants enjoy.

In the care of Camellias, mulching with peat or compost will not only help to keep roots cool but also will provide a continuous supply of organic material. Fertilizers that are acid reacting are usually applied in early spring and again about four months later.

Fuchsias require less acidity than do other acid-loving plants. However, a slightly acid and very rich moist soil with good drainage is the best planting medium for the Fuchsia and in mulching a three inch application of peat or sawdust coats the plant's roots. If the mulch is watered frequently, moist air will cool the plant top. As for fertilizing, the Fuchsia will react quickly to any complete fertilizer, organic or inorganic. Apply according to the manufacturer's directions, but after growth is going strong in the spring, cut the specified amount in four parts and apply once weekly.

So acid-loving are they, that Rhododendrons and Azaleas can even be planted in straight mulch material—peat moss or peat moss and sand. Planting

in mulch material is recommended in California if there is any question of the suitability of the soil. Otherwise the planting medium can be about 1/2 peat or leaf mold and 1/2 soil. Pure peat is recommended for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. As for fertilizing Rhododendrons and Azaleas complete acid fertilizers are recommended by nurserymen with the suggestion not to overdo the feeding of these plants.

Elegant Wall Surfacing

Many home remodeling fans are discovering a new and different wall surfacing which has elegance and beauty but costs no more than regular wall paneling. It is vertical grain flooring, either fir or west coast hemlock, and because of the tongue-and-groove is easy to install snugly. You can change the appearance of a room by building one or two walls with this flooring, which can be bought at any retail lumber yard. It can be buffed and sanded smooth, then finished in any of many wonderful ways.

Cooling by Fences

You can have an air-conditioned yard with plenty of privacy if you design your fences to allow for a free flow of breezes. Many new designs add charm to your red cedar fences while still keeping you cool. You can use fence boards set as louvers, or alternate flat boards on either side of top and bottom rail and many other styles.

LAND MONOPOLY

As late as 1900, two per cent of the people owned 70 per cent of all the land.

MORE WIDOWS

There are three times more widows than widowers in the United States.

Vines Can Be Used in Many Ways Besides Decoration

When the warm summer months arrive—and in many places in this state they already have—there is nothing so refreshing to the eye and a fevered brow as the lovely colors of flowering vines and the cool shade they afford.

Vines can be used in all sorts of planting breaks, says the California Association of Nurserymen, so while you're planning for vines to add color to a scene, plan for them to add shade and interesting patterns also. Use them to relieve the utilitarian look of fences and boards, as windbreaks, to carry on an architectural line of the building, to dim the sun's rays.

Climbing Classics
The types of vines available can be classified in one way by their habit of climbing. Some twine (morning glory, vetch), others grasp with tendrils (climatic gourds), cling, weave, scramble, lean or grow with root-bearing stems.

In selecting a planting site for vines, be sure to provide adequate root space and good drainage. And remember that food is as important for a vine as any other type of plant. Also, avoid crowding them. Vines planted away from their "fellows" and walls and foundations will be healthier because of air circulation, will be easier to trim and keep neat, and will not contribute toward foundation damaging due to watering, etc.

Some excellent selections for California vine planting include the Star Jasmine and the Giant Burmese Honeysuckle. The Star Jasmine (Trachelospermum jasminoides) is a dainty-looking specimen with small leaves and tiny star-like blossoms. A "fitter" vine, its loose bush structure allows light to come through resulting in a cloud-like effect that is good for softening harsh posts, fences or corners. An added feature of the Jasmine is its lovely fragrance.

Grows Twining

The Giant Burmese Honeysuckle. Save on Floors
Save money when building that new home by using low-cost, utility grades of flat-grounded hemlock or fir flooring where linoleum, asphalt tile, cork or wall-to-wall carpeting will cover the entire floor surface. You thus get all the advantages of resilient wood walking surfaces at lower cost.

suckle (Lonicera hildebrandiana) is a fine selection for espaliering. Its blossoms are tubular, opening a creamy white and turning yellow and then dull orange during the summer months. A very fragrant vine, it grows in a twining manner with rope-like stems that add line interest during the winter when the dark, glossy-green leaves have fallen.

Sliver Lace Vine (Polygonum aubertii) features crinkly-edged leaves which when new are a bronzy red. Small creamy-white flowers grow in a mass bloom from April to October. Brilliant colors are provided by the Bougainvillea Vine. It blooms in shades of purple, red, magenta, scarlet and its height of bloom comes in July. An evergreen vine, it is a twining climber.

Whatever your selections, you will find the many possible roles of summer flowering vines in your garden and yard very satisfactory ones—that will challenge and reward your gardening talents.

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